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Israel hit with bombings

■CONFLICT: Country tires of suicide attacks, killing and injuring many innocent people

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Daily Titan Staff Writer

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is fed up with all of the suicide bombings and blames Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for all the trouble.

Over the weekend, Palestinian suicide bombers struck two cities in Israel.

Two bombers killed 10 people and themselves, injuring 150 in a crowded mall in Jerusalem.

Twelve hours later, another bomber in a public bus killed 15 people and himself in the City of Haifa.

In efforts to retaliate, Israeli helicopters struck security buildings

with missiles near Arafat's headquarters, destroying two of his helicopters.

Israeli F-16 warplanes struck police buildings and an underground fuel depot.

In a news conference Sunday night, Sharon said, "Israel does not open wars. We know who has brought it on us —Arafat is responsible for everything that has happened here."

He called Arafat "the biggest obstacle to peace in the Middle East."

"He has made the strategic decision to follow terrorism," Sharon said. "He has tried to make political gains through the death of innocents."

A past report by British Broadcasting Company stated that the characteristics of suicide bombers are unmarried men in their late teens and 20s.

The report continued to say that the bombers who commit the acts believe they will go straight to heaven. Most of the bombers are affiliated with Palestinian militia groups or Islamic Jihad.

After this weekend's bombing, a person speaking in Arabic called the bureau of the BBC and identified himself as being responsible for the Jerusalem bombings and claimed to be from the Islamic Jihad.

However, he is not the only person to proudly claim responsibility. Palestinian security officials said they have arrested more than 100 activists from a group called Hamas, who claim they are involved with the bombings.

Sharon said Israel would "chase those responsible for terrorism — those who carry it out will pay the price." He would launch a "war on terror," just as the United States has done.

Chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erakat said Sharon had issued a declaration of war.

"He is saying, 'war, war, war now, peace later.' I think he is making the mistake of his life," Erakat said. "At the end of the day, this means more Palestinians and Israelis will be killed. There will be no military solutions to our problems."

"If Sharon thinks he can intimidate the Palestinian people by doing this, I am afraid to tell him that the only thing he's doing is just making it impossible for those who want to make peace and move forward."

Cabinet Minister Nabil Shaath disagreed with Sharon's decisions. He said Palestinians are trying to bring peace, "but the Israelis are not helping us, they are always destroying our efforts."

Erakat called on the United

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REUTERS

Smoke rises over Yasser Arafat's Gaza office after a bombing.

International students get into holidays

■TRADITION: CSUF organization helps to include foreigners in unfamiliar celebrations

BY DIONE BLEDSOE
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Everyone has his or her own agenda for the holidays.

Some people leave town to be with family and friends.

They book their flights and pack their bags.

Others stay at home and get ready for guests to arrive.

They decorate their homes and prepare the feast. Everyone storms the malls and fights for parking.

This is the image that nearly all Americans imagine as the traditional holiday scene.

But those who were not born in the United States may not have a Christmas cookie cutter image of the holidays.

The majority of international students on campus have no place to go for the holidays. So what do they do?

Paula Parker, president of the International Friendship Counselor Organization takes pride in placing international students with American families for the holidays.

"I circulate the word however I can," Parker said. "I usually talk to the people at my church and see who is interested."

Parker began pairing students and families after she became a stay-at-home mom and wanted to do something positive that included her children.

"Having students from other cultures around is so educational

for them," Parker said. "After my family hosted two students from Algeria, my two daughters went to kindergarten show-and-tell with more information than probably the average adult."

This Thanksgiving, Parker hosted three students from China and one from Indonesia for dinner.

"Not one of the students had ever participated in Thanksgiving and knew very little about it," Parker said.

A friend of the Parker family brought over a book on the first Thanksgiving for the children.

"At the end of the meal, we read the book aloud to the international students," Parker said.

Maria Mareno and Edwardo Zillacis, two international students from Ecuador, found a place at a Thanksgiving feast this year.

Mareno and Zillacis are married and have been in the United States for the past year.

Zillacis is pursuing a master's degree in art and is also currently teaching an entry-level art course.

Parker matched up Mareno and Zillacis with Larry and Myrl Burdett, a local family for a traditional Thanksgiving feast.

"It was a fluke," Burdett said. Parker found Burdett one afternoon at church and asked her if she would be willing to host two international students for Thanksgiving dinner.

"We weren't going out of town, and my husband was really excited about it, so we agreed," Burdett said.

The Burdett's had never met Mareno and Zillacis before.

They spoke for the first time over the phone the Monday prior to

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MICHELLE LARA/Daily Titan

About 100 fourth graders came to Cal State Fullerton to experience a day of university life through a project called CHAMPS.

CHAMPS brings kids to col-

BY MICHELLE LARA

■PROGRAM: More than 100 fourth-graders came to tour campus for the day

Daily Titan Staff Writer

"Motivation is the key! -To be all that we can be! College Headed and Mighty Proud, We're so proud we say it loud!"

This CHAMP Cheer rang loud and

clear all over Cal State Fullerton's campus during a one-day field trip for nearby elementary students on Friday.

The 100 fourth-grade children from Ruby Drive Elementary School in Placentia took part in College Headed and Mighty Proud (CHAMP), a program that attempts to give children knowledge and excitement about college, put together by the Volunteer and Service Center at CSUF.

"We chose fourth graders because of the fact that between third and fourth grade, the ratio of students to teachers goes up from 20 to one to 40 to one," said Amy Tokuhivo, project director of

CHAMP. "That lack of attention lets those children slip through the cracks and a lot of them do not get that motivation to strive for higher education."

The program has been going on for five years, working with different elementary schools each semester.

The elementary schools are chosen based on Title One status, which is defined as being located in a low social economic school district. -Seventy-five percent of these students receive a free lunch from the state and many are first or second generation English speakers — the first to speak fluent English in their family. There is a great need atten-

tion wise, but also financial-aid wise as well, Tokuhivo said.

"Because of the struggle that they go through with their families, the students are basically discouraged about going on to higher education," she said. "They think, 'Hey when I turn 16, I will just go get a job.'"

The CSUF volunteer students meet with the students every Friday for six weeks, teaching them everything from what financial aid is to where to eat lunch on campus.

On the seventh week, the children

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Studying abroad presents opportunities, broadens

■PROGRAM: Lecture at the Titan Student Union last week gave pointers to those interested in going overseas to learn

BY MELITA SALAZAR
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Jennifer Stewart, a junior communications major, wants to study literature in Florence.

"Literature is my minor and

I think Italy is perfect, since so many great authors wrote there [including] Dante and Boccaccio." Like many students, Stewart is interested in studying abroad.

"I feel that it is important to understand the world around me, and not just in the book sense," Stewart said. "In the world today, it is necessary to understand others, their cultures and their points of view. I would also like to be on the outside looking in."

Stewart thinks Americans are complacent.

"We feel that since we have everything here we don't need to explore the world, but the one thing we lack is ancient culture," she said. "The

roots of democracy, language, literature and culture come from elsewhere."

Because of Stewart's interest in studying in a foreign country, she attended the Study Abroad (SA) Information Session recently in the Titan Student Union.

"I feel that in order for people to understand and appreciate this wonderful planet we inhabit, they must explore it for themselves," Stewart said.

At the information session, the Office of International Education and Exchange gave students important information about the study abroad program.

The session included general information about the application process, hints about filling out the application and a question-and-answer period.

The event, sponsored by Peace International Club, drew a small audience. The group held the event to promote diversity.

Samer Fayssal, president of Peace International, said studying abroad is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about another culture, while gaining valuable education.

"Students should travel now while they have the chance, it's affordable, educational and a once-in-lifetime trip that a person will never forget," Fayssal said.

Patrick Frazier, adviser of the study abroad program, led the one-hour session.

Frazier told the students that the process involves three basic steps.

Frazier said the three steps include attending a SA Information Session, filling out the application and be interviewed.

With the exception of New Zealand and Australia, which are due May 1, Frazier said that the deadline for most programs is Feb. 1.

"The application can be done online or a hard copy," Frazier said. "Due to recommendation letters that are needed, one should start the application at least one month early."

Those who attend outside programs, not sponsored by Cal State Fullerton, must file at least six weeks before they travel abroad."

One of the reasons Frazier recommends the early start is because students need to turn in professor recommendations.

"It's beneficial for students to get those out as soon as possible because professors get tired around the holidays," Frazier said.

For transfer students planning to study abroad, he said its better to get recommendations from CSUF

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A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING

BRIEFS

Terrorist attack readiness is subject of town hall

Cal State Fullerton and Assemblyperson Lynn Daucher (R-Brea) will host a town hall discussion, Dec. 10 on terrorist attack preparedness.

“Orange County on Alert: ‘We are ready, are you?’” will have exhibits from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Titan Student Union Portola Pavilion. The event is open to the public and free of charge. From 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., exhibits will be displayed.

Panelists for the town hall include Bruce Hinkle of the American Red Cross, Mark Horton of the Orange County Health Care Agency, Mark Billings and Len Hayes of the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, Chip Prather of the Orange County Fire Authority, Sandra Sutphen of the university and Mark Bassett from the California Office of Emergency Services. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Daucher’s office at (714) 672-4734.

Fellowship funds available for graduate studies

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking applicants to its graduate fellowship program.

The program supports students pursuing master’s degrees who are interested engineering or science career opportunities with the NRC.

Students majoring in the following fields are encouraged to apply: chemistry, earth sciences, engineering–chemical, electrical, materials, mechanical or nuclear– environmental science, health physics, material sciences mathematics and physics.

Applicants must have an exceptional academic record, a bachelor’s degree by Aug. 31, 2002, an

interest in a career with the program and be a U.S. citizen.

Each fellowship pays a monthly stipend of \$2,400 and full tuition fees for up to 24 months. The deadline for the applications is Feb. 4, 2002.

The NRC regulates the civilian use of nuclear power and materials to protect public health and safety.

For more information and application materials, visit www.orau.gov/nrced/ or contact Pat Pressley at (865) 576-3409, or e-mail nrced@orau.gov.

Pacific Chorale present children’s choruses holiday concert

The Pacific Chorale Children’s Choruses will present their annual combined Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7 at Calvary Church in Santa Ana.

Admission is free.

The Pacific Chorale Children’s Chorus and the Girls and Boys Chorus provide children ages 8 to 17 with vocal training and performance experience.

The children’s chorus is an advanced mixed group for children ages 10-17. This touring performing group appears regularly with Pacific Chorale and Pacific Symphony Orchestra at the Orange County Performing Arts Center, as well as throughout the community.

The Boys and Girls Choruses are training groups for singers ages 8-12. Members of the three groups rehearse weekly at Calvary Church, studying vocal production, musical notation, reading and terminology.

The choruses have performed throughout Orange County including Disneyland, Edison International Field, the Verizon Wireless Amphitheater and with the Joffrey Ballet.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community-

On Dec. 9, there will be a “Festival of Trees” auction presented by the Ebell Club of Fullerton. The family event will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and parking is free. For more information, call (714) 992-4954.-

“Lighting of the Bay,” the eighth annual lighting of electric trees, will be taking place Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. The event will be located at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort. There will be carolers, hot chocolate and seafood chowder on hand. For more information, call (800) 765-7661 or visit www.newportdunes.com. -

Curtis Theatre’s Guest Artist Series is presenting “Golden

Bough” Dec. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27 for adults. The show will feature Celtic music and dance. For more information, call (714) 990-7722.--

The City of Fullerton will host a “Winterfest” Dec. 8. There will be crafts, horse-drawn carriage rides and snow in the Downtown Plaza from noon until 6 p.m.

There will also be a Christmas tree and Menorah lighting ceremony at 5 p.m. For more information, call (714) 738-6317.-

Laguna Beach’s Winter Festival continues to line the grounds of the Sawdust Festival with entertainment and food through December.

The celebration will feature 150 artists who have made holi-

day items.-

The City of Brea and the National Watercolor Society are presenting the 81st annual “National Watercolor Juried Exhibition” through Dec. 9.

The exhibit will feature more than 100 watercolor paintings from artists around the world. For more information, call (714) 990-7730.-

Campus-

“Women from Mars: Paintings by Manuel Pardo” will be on display at the Main Art Gallery through Dec. 13.

The New York artist’s works can be viewed Monday through Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday noon to 2 p.m.-

The Fantasticks will be per-

forming a tale of innocence and first love through Dec. 9 at the Arena Theatre. The music is by Harvey Schmidt and words are by Tom Jones. Tickets are \$16 or \$13 with advanced Titan discount.-

French tutoring is available every Tuesday and Wednesday in the Foreign Language Lab, Humanities Room 325.

M. Louis Abel Dumas, a graduate assistant from the university of Paris X- Nanterre will be available for further discussion on French culture, pronunciation and grammar. -

“All Night Study” will take place in the Titan Student Union Dec. 1 through Dec. 14, from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Individual meeting rooms

COP BLOTTER

Tuesday, Nov. 27

The owner of a silver Lexus paid \$200 for five outstanding tickets at 11:16 a.m.

A yellow Jeep Wrangler was reported stolen from Lot E at 4:08 p.m.

Medics were dispatched to the Performing Arts Building at 4:49 p.m. when a student sprained her ankle during a dance class. She was taken to the Health Center for treatment.

The driver of a white Buick

headed south on State College Boulevard at 11:35 p.m. was cited for driving without a license.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

A habitual parking offender paid \$320 for his outstanding tickets at 1:40 p.m.

Medics were dispatched to Langsdorf Hall to aid a student who fainted and broke two teeth at 2:25 p.m.

Medics were dispatched to the Science Lab Center at 5:45

p.m. to aid a victim who was working with zinc chloride and methaline chloride, and had an allergic reaction.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Medics were dispatched to the College Park Building to aid a professor who was having severe abdominal pain at 9:32 a.m. The victim refused medical treatment and later had a colleague escort her to the Kaiser Medical Office in Brea.

A bicycle was reported

stolen from the Physical Education Building at 4:06 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 30

Officers pulled over a white Saturn westbound on Nutwood Avenue approaching State College Boulevard. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Sunday, Dec. 2

A black Cadillac was stopped at the Mobile station on Placentia and Nutwood avenues. The driver was cited

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Asthma goes undiagnosed in ath-

■**HEALTH:** Exercise is one of the triggers that constrict airways making breathing hard

By SUSAN FITZGERALD
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WYNCOTE, Pa. - David Collins would be one mile into a three-mile run when his chest got tight and breathing became difficult. By the time he crossed the finish line, he felt horrible.

"I couldn't breathe," said Collins, 17, a cross-country runner at Bishop McDevitt High School in the suburbs of Philadelphia. "My legs weren't tired, but my breathing slowed me down."

Collins, a tall, lanky senior from the city, was a well-conditioned athlete, so his coach, Paul Poiesz, was suspicious of the breathing problems.

The coach called in Jim Rogers, a sports trainer at Temple University, who arrived at Bishop McDevitt one October afternoon carrying a small plastic device.

Collins went on a brisk seven-minute run around the field behind the school and then, over the next 10 minutes, blew hard into the plastic gadget, a "peak flow meter" used to measure lung function. The results showed his lungs were doing a poor job of moving air out - an indication that his airways had become constricted from running.

Collins, it turned out, has asthma. In his case, exercise triggered the symptoms.

"There is a lot of undiagnosed asthma in all levels of athletic participation," said Rogers, who is program director for Temple Sports Medicine Centers and the sports medicine consultant for the Philadelphia Catholic League.

He said athletes are routinely screened for heart murmurs and hernias, but rarely for asthma. Rogers is on a mission to educate coaches, from youth soccer to pro football, that they should be on the lookout for asthma, both undiagnosed cases and cases in which athletes are getting inadequate treatment, causing them to wheeze, cough and struggle for breath when exercising.

"If we can pick up these kids,"

Rogers said, "we're improving performance and improving health."

Asthma is an inflammatory disease involving the small airways of the lungs. For someone with asthma, any number of triggers - exercise, dust, pollen, respiratory infection, cat dander, cockroach allergens - can cause the airways to constrict, making it hard to breathe.

For reasons that aren't understood, the incidence of asthma has increased dramatically over the last few decades.

The number of people with asthma in the United States went from 6.6 million in 1980 to 17.3 million in 1998, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More people are dying from the disease, too: Among those five to 24-years-old, the asthma death rate nearly doubled from 1980 to 1993. Asthma now kills about 5,000 people a year in this country.

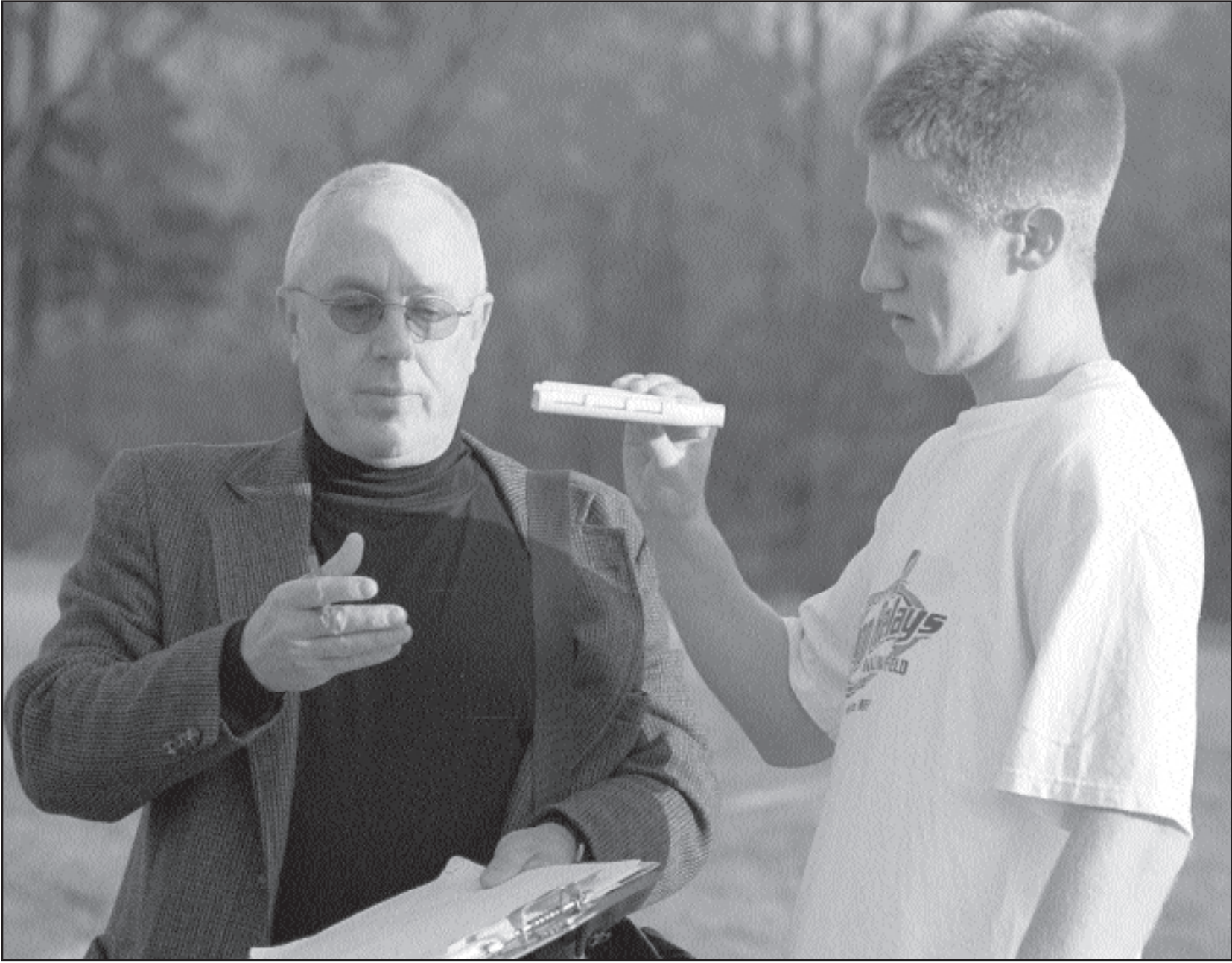
For many people with asthma, exercise can be one of several causes of an attack. For others, such as Collins, exercise may be the only apparent trigger, though evaluation will sometimes show subtler problems at other times, such as when they have a cold.

Gilbert D'Alonzo, a pulmonary specialist and asthma researcher at Temple University Hospital, who diagnosed Collins' disease and prescribed medicines, said many of the young athletes he treats think it's normal to feel strained breathing during exercise. "It's amazing how well most of these kids feel after proper therapeutic treatment is used," he said.

James Fish, director of pulmonary critical care and allergy at Thomas Jefferson University, said researchers don't know how exercise triggers an asthmatic response, but there are several theories.

When a person exercises, Fish said, the lungs have to take in a lot of air, causing the airways to become dry. One theory holds that this leads to swelling of the blood vessels and tissues in the airways. A second theory, he said, is that when the airways become dry from the demands of exercise, certain cells release chemicals that cause the airways to constrict.

Once breathing is compromised, continuing to exercise can be difficult. In rare cases, it can be deadly.



KRT CAMPUS

Temple Sports Trainer Jim Rogers tests David Collins with a "peak flow meter" to measure Collins' lung functions.

Rogers and D'Alonzo, who direct a sports asthma research project at Temple, were part of a team that documented 61 deaths from asthma nationwide between July 1995 and December 2000 in which children and adolescents died during or right after an athletic endeavor.

Most of the victims were in organized, competitive sports, and all of them had been previously diagnosed with asthma, Rogers said. Often, the athlete did not have an inhaler on hand to quickly dispense medicine into the lungs.

A common mistake: People with asthma are prescribed medicines called bronchodilators to keep their airways open and stop the wheezing, but they don't also receive a drug, such as an inhaled steroid, that would control the chronic inflammation in the airways, thus preventing problems in the first place.

Testing for exercise-related asthma can be done in a doctor's office or a lab using a treadmill or bicycle, but Rogers likes to see how athletes react in their own environment, be it a swimming pool or a football field.

Using the peak flow meter, which measures the flow of air out of the lungs, Rogers first established Collins' "baseline" and then asked him to run for seven minutes. When Collins finished, Rogers had him blow hard into the meter at the eight-minute mark, and every minute for at least the next 10 to get repeated measures. The results confirmed what Collins had been feeling during his runs: His lung function was severely diminished.

Rogers isn't a doctor and can't make a diagnosis, but he recommended that Collins see a doctor for

further evaluation.

Collins was diagnosed with asthma and put on two medications. A couple of weeks ago, Rogers was back at Bishop McDevitt to test Collins again.

Collins did the same run around the field, no longer feeling breathless and tight in the chest, and then blew repeatedly into the peak flow meter. This time his lung function was normal, dramatically improved from a month before.

Rogers asked, "That mile was easier than when I met you before?"

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professors rather than community college professors because it makes a more meaningful impact to the interview committee.

The study abroad program currently has a partnership with 18 countries including Canada, China, Denmark, France, Italy, Korea, Sweden and Taiwan.

Frazier said most students start out wanting to go to the United Kingdom or Spain.

“When they find out there are choices like Germany, Italy, Denmark or Zimbabwe that require little to no language requirement, some rethink their choice,” Frazier said.

He stated that at the university, several students are interested in Japan and Mexico.

Besides stressing the need to fill out the application, Frazier also emphasized the importance of applying for financial aid as soon as possible.

He said that this is one of the largest problems students encounter because in a school of 30,000 there are few financial options.

Students who will be studying abroad should file their FAFSA form before March 2, he said.

He suggested completing the application online rather than by filling out the hard copy.

It is easier, neater and less time-consuming online. The hard copy must be completed using a typewriter.

He mentions that the application is the most important part.

“The review board [board that checks out study abroad applications] will never see you. Go over and over the application because this is all they’re going to see,” Frazier said.

Because letters may influence the review board, Frazier said that with recommendations, choose a professor that will provide a great reference

“If you’re not going to get a good recommendation letter from someone, get another one from another professor,” Frazier said.

A hint about what information should be put in the essay, included how studying abroad would improve one’s life.

He added that the whole application process does not matter unless the consortium agreement, an agreement between the student, CSUF and the host school, gets turned in.

The agreement states that the student will take the classes at the host school and then get credit at the university.

“Thank God the events of Sept. 11 have not deterred the number of students traveling abroad,” Frazier said.

The average number of students that travel abroad to study is about 50. Frazier said the number this year is about the same.

“The rewards of a study abroad experience can’t be weighed by time spent or classes taken, its measure can only be qualified by lessons learned,” Frazier said.

Alumnus follows his screenwriting dream

■FELLOWSHIP:
Cameron Young wins \$30,000 to complete a feature-length screenplay in a year

By RITA FREEMAN
Daily Titan Asst. News Editor

Cal State Fullerton alumnus Cameron Young, 35, of Foothill Ranch, is following his dreams in becoming a full-time screenwriter.

Recently, the copywriter of the Young and Ribicam Advertising Agency was one of five winners in the Don and Gee Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting competition.

“This put me on the map,” Young said. “I’m going from zero to 60 now. I got myself an agent and am now sending my script to producers and studios. So we’ll wait and see what happens.”

Young’s prize was \$30,000 paid in increments for which he must complete a feature-length screenplay during the year.

Greg Beal, program coordinator for the Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting program, said that the money is to encourage the writers to concentrate more on writing over the year.

Young, who has written three scripts, said that he likes pieces about people who make self-discoveries. “Saint Vincent,” Young’s winning entry and his third project, is about a Catholic hit man who finds redemption in the most unusual place.

His wife Valerie Young, 34, said he spent about three to four months writing and polishing his work.

He has written about being half-Mexican and living in two cultures and a political thriller in Orange County.

“Write about what you know and what you are passionate about,” Young said.

Before graduating CSUF in 1989, Young learned his passion was screenwriting but became sidetracked and did not start up again until almost 10 years later. During that time, he married his wife Valerie in 1992 and bore two children, now ages 4 and 18 months.

After the birth of his son in 1997, the spark for writing scripts re-ignited. However, finding time was not an easy task to accomplish. He would write his screenplays while his children slept, during his lunch breaks and occasionally retreat away for the weekend to complete the screenplay.

“He would be writing late at night. He would get up early and write,” Valerie Young said. “He’s a worker, he really amazes me.”

Young was one of almost 5,500 entries received for this year’s competition. Beal said that this year, there was a wider variety of genre including thrillers, action and one western screenplay instead of just dramas and comedies.

He emphasized to students who are interested in screenwriting to start creating their works now. He said Hollywood is looking for young writers.

“You’ll never have as much time as you have now,” Young said. “Don’t wait until you have a mortgage. If you knock out two pages a week, then you can have a finished screenplay in a year.”

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Thanksgiving to discuss directions.

“At first we weren’t sure about how the rest of the family was going to react to having a couple of complete strangers over for dinner,” Burdett said.

The Burdett’s Thanksgiving dinner included nine family members from four generations.

All the traditional Thanksgiving food was homemade by the mothers and grandmothers of the family. At 1:30 p.m., Mareno and Zillacis arrived at the front door.

“We were a little nervous, but mostly excited. We really just wanted to see how these American families celebrate with a turkey,” Mareno said.

Everyone easily became comfortable and no one was shy to ask questions. Both families learned more than they expected from each other.

“The food was good and it was nice spending time with such a large family, usually it is just the two of us. The Burdetts were so hospitable,” Zillacis said.

“Maria and Edwardo stayed after everyone else had left. They both speak fluent English and that really helped.”

The Burdetts plan to meet up again in the future and continue their new friendship. In January, they plan to visit Zillacis’ studio in Santa Ana.

“Edwardo is a really talented artist. We can’t wait to see his illustrations on display,” Burdett said.

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States and European leaders to stop Sharon’s efforts of war.

However, President George W. Bush did not try to persuade Sharon to hold back when they met on Sunday. Arafat “must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to justice.” Bush said.

White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer said, “The president’s point of view is Israel is a sovereign power. Israel has a right to defend itself.”

In the past six years, Israel has experienced more than 30 bombings.

One of the first bombings in April 1994 was only the beginning of long and continuous murders and innocent deaths.

In the year 2001 alone, there was at least one bombing almost every month.

In the past 14 months of fighting, more than 780 people on the Palestinian side and more than 230 people on the Israeli side have been killed.

CHAMP

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travel to CSUF and tour the campus seeing everything they have been taught about for the past few weeks.

They also attended different college classes with professors teaching them subjects such as biology and Asian American studies.

“I think this program is great because not everyone has a home environment that promotes college,” said Thomas Fujita-Rony, professor of Asian American studies. “We want to raise the expectations for those kids.”

Fujita-Rony taught the children

about the struggles that the Japanese Americans went through in interment camps and how their rights were taken from them. He related his lesson to college for the students.

“You all have the right to make your own choices,” Fujita-Rony told the children. “College is all about choices and we want you all to know you have the right to come to college.”

At the end of the day, all 100 children filed down to Titan Theatre and took part in a graduation ceremony for finishing the CHAMP program. They received diplomas and listened to speeches by Associated Students President Alex Lopez and AS Vice President Edgar Zazueta.

“It is important for us that you all go to college,” Zazueta said, a former CHAMP volunteer. “When I have children I want them to be in this program and all of you up here teaching them.”

The fourth graders all had different reasons for enjoying the program. Some kids said they liked all the activities they could do on campus.

“I like CHAMP, the one-day field trip is cool,” said Daniel Hernandez, 9. “I like Cal State Fullerton because they have a big arcade and pool tables and you can go where ever you want to go.”

Children said they liked that they could decide what to do at college.

“It’s cool because you can come to school day or night,” said Freddy Ventura, 10. “You can also ride your

bike or skateboard around.”

But most of them were excited about college because of the program.

“CHAMP makes [college] exciting,” said Michael Segura, 10. “They taught us a lot of things here and we got to see everything.”

For the CHAMP volunteers, the important thing is that the program helps the children know that college can be a part of their future.

“We want to encourage them that although they may struggle here and there, to make sacrifices and go the long way,” Tokuhivo said. “They can aspire to their dreams and become successful people.”

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Listen to what nature



By MICHAEL
DEL MURO
Opinion

I went on a field trip to Death Valley this weekend. It was quite a remarkable place. The trip was an escape from the urban environment, an escape into an untamed part of California's natural environment. It was a trip back in time that

made one think of the frontiersmen, the gold rushers, the Mormon settlers and how treacherous it must have been to move across the desert into California through Death Valley.

Death Valley put me in awe. My girlfriend said it best, "It makes you realize how small and insignificant you are."

Death Valley does make one feel insignificant. Sure some have tempted to control the desert by building roads and highways, but there is nothing they could have done to tame the gusting winds on the Devil's Golf Course or Natural Bridge.

But as we came home, back to our urban "paradise," I was reminded of how simple life could be. How slow and easy things could be.

The trip provided me a temporary relief of the constant hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Ravens' squawks replaced car horns. The pecking of brewer blackbirds supplanted the tipper-tatter of keyboards. And gusts of wind were heard instead of the sounds of helicopters.

On our way to our campground, we stopped at sand dunes. They amazed me. The soft powder-like sand surrounded by the rough course sand common to the desert.

Everyone remarked how the sand was as soft as snow.

For a few minutes my girlfriend and I sat down and were silent. We heard nothing. No airplanes. No honking car horns. No telephones ringing. It was amazing.

The noise pollution in urban areas is terrible.

We camped at a very nice campground in Death Valley. Running water, flushing toilets, toilet paper.

After setting up our tent, which was a huge adventure for us urban children, we



COURTESY OF PHIL ARMSTRONG

Professor Phil Armstrong points out to his Geology of National Parks class the geological features of large

sat down around a campfire.

Snap, crackle, pop. Snap, crackle, pop.

I tried to make a hot dog by sticking a hanger through the middle of it and roast-ing it over the fire.

Snap, crackle, pop. OUCH!

Not knowing how to cook in the open, I burned my hand.

I ate one hot dog lukewarm.

Luckily, someone brought a propane-powered stove that he kindly let us use. With my hand already singed by the fire, I rolled my hot dog around on his grill. It came out much better.

Some of the people who went were incapable of taking themselves away from their urbanity. They took a boom box and played house music all night.

The thump, thump, thump of the house music drowned out the snap, crackle and pop of the fire.

It would have been nice to sit there in the silence of nature and listen to the night sounds.

Before the music began playing, we heard the howls and barks of the coyotes.

I woke up to the sounds of the coyotes too. They sniffed around my tent looking for scraps of food.

However, I woke up a few times before the coyote wake-up call because of the pitter-patter of rare Death Valley rain and the swoosh of the wind striking my tent pushing in the walls.

Finally, at 7 a.m. when I got out of my sleeping bag, I went outside to a crisp, cool morning. But it felt good. My lungs opened and closed without inhaling any noxious chemicals.

But we had to go home.

We had to go back to our urban living although some never left it.

I'll admit it, all I wanted to do Sunday morning was go home and jump in the shower. But when I got home I felt overwhelmed. There were so many things to do. I needed to go to Target to get some ink for my printer. It was so loud in there!

People yelled back and forth, "Can I buy this here?" "No! You have to buy it over there!"

Everybody hurried about the store trying to be the first in line. It was ridiculous.

All I wanted to do was go somewhere quiet and relax. I wanted to listen to the wind and to coyotes telling us where they are.

I wanted to be away from everyone. I learned a little bit about geology this weekend, but I learned something more about myself.

It is important to get away from the craziness of urban living. But when you try to get away from the urban area — get away. Don't bring music or playing cards.

Bring food, water, maybe even a book and sit down somewhere and relax!

Silence is so beautiful. It is rare in the city when one can hear silence. There is always some kind of craziness going on outside.

Look at the moon. Gaze at the stars. Our natural environment is so beautiful. Our skies and surroundings are mind-blowing. Neither an artist nor a poet could imagine such beauty.

The Earth is amazing. We need to get around and enjoy it once in a while.

Death Valley was here millions of years ago and will be here millions of

Clinton era may foreshadow Condit election



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Lie, cheat and steal. It seems to be the way to get into politics. The American public has been unfazed by past adventures of the Clinton era. This summer we were once again duped by a political figure. Gary Condit blatantly denied his affair with Chandra Levy, which led to watchful eyes

questioning whether he had something to do with Levy's disappearance. Either way, people are missing a big piece of the puzzle—Condit lied to save his reputation, and in turn, ruined it.

Democrats and Republicans alike are questioning if Condit should run for another term. But nonetheless, Condit is seeking re-election. He took the first formal steps to run for re-election in 2002. In a letter to Condit's constituents, he wrote, "I would not discuss my private life in the media." Later in the letter he also said, "For 30 years as a local Mayor, County Supervisor, State Assemblyman and Congressman, thousands of people have come to me with their personal problems."

Odd that people come to him although he avoids opening up to the public.

He still thinks that he can gain the acceptance of the public by saying, "each time people have trusted that I would treat their problems with care."

But he still has one big problem that isn't going away—the missing intern who obviously trusted him enough to have an affair with him.

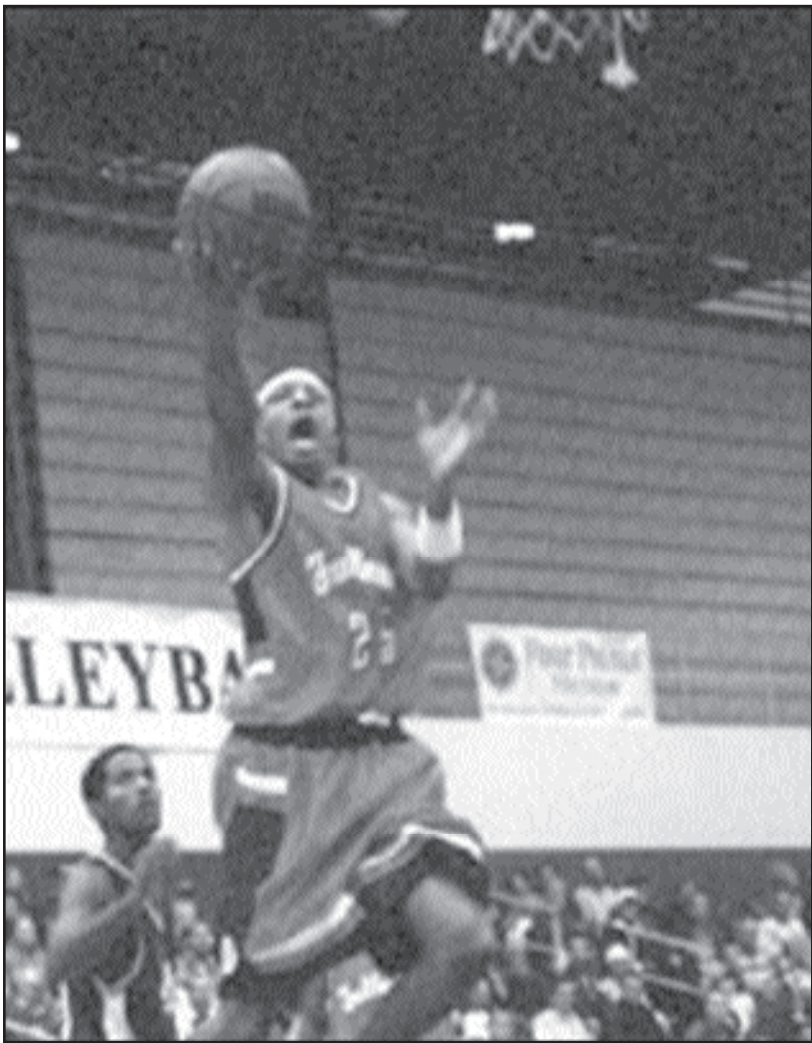
Not only has he been deceitful, he has outwardly shown immoral acts, and to top it off, he is a representative of this country. How embarrassing to say that I, as a Californian, have someone sitting in congress, leading my country and he can't even be faithful to one person. Because I value high moral standards, I expect our country to portray a certain image to people around the world. This goes beyond party lines. His integrity has now been questioned, and that defines his character. Everyday there will be someone who disagrees with the mor-

als and standards that have been set by those before us, but the last thing I want is representatives of our country to put forth an image that is less than stellar.

Democrats are questioning his integrity as well. According to ABCNews.com, liberal opponents are questioning the validity of some of the signatures he obtained from registered voters in his district. They claim the signatures were from people who were not registered voters in the district.

Times have changed since Sept. 11, and Condit isn't getting it. People aren't looking for local gossip in the newspapers; they are seeking actual leaders who set an example. We have issues that need to be attended to, and someone who is unstable enough to lie and cheat isn't going to help us with acceptance from foreign nations.

The last thing I want is representatives of our country to put forth an image that is less than stellar



KRISTINA HUFFMAN/Special to the Titan

Brandon Campbell goes for two last season and Thursday at Baylor he continued his steady play with 15 points and three rebounds.

Titans battle Bears and Cowboys in the

■**BASKETBALL:** CSUF narrowly misses a victory against Wyoming with a score of 86-71 but suffers their most lopsided loss of the season to Baylor, 92-56, in Waco, Texas Thursday

By PHILLIP MCRÆ
Special to the Titan

The Cal State Fullerton men's basketball team got off to a bad start on their three-game road trip, suffering two non-conference losses to Baylor (5-1) Thursday and Wyoming (4-2) Saturday.

Baylor proved to be too much for the Titans to handle with a 92-56 win before a home crowd of 5,434 at the Ferrell Center in Waco, Texas.

The Bears, coming off four straight victories, put CSUF in an early hole starting the game with a 22-6 run. The Titans never threatened after that point, and could only close the gap to 12 points in the first half.

That was as close as the Titans could get after Baylor started the second half with an 8-0 run that gave them at least a 20-point cushion the rest of the way.

Six players scored in double digits for the Bears including John Lucas who scored a game high 20 points to go with his five rebounds. Lawrence Roberts had 15 points and six rebounds as the Bears handed CSUF its most lopsided loss of the season.

Baylor shot 56.4 percent from the field including 14-23 from three-point range. The Titans continued their poor shooting with a 25 point second half that resulted from their 31.8 field goal percentage for the game.

Josh Fischer contributed his first double-double of the season with a 10-point and 10-rebound effort in the loss. Brandon Campbell continued his steady play with 15 points and three rebounds.

CSUF made the game more

competitive against Wyoming last Saturday night in a losing effort 86-71. The Titans were up by as many as 13 points in the first half as the Cowboys got off to a slow start, missing 14 of their first 18 shots.

Guard Ryan Dillon made a three-point shot that put the Titans up 31-23 with 5:11 left in the half before Wyoming went on a 18-4 run, giving them a 41-35 halftime lead.

The Titans only managed to shoot 34.2 percent from the field, despite forward Pape Sow's career-high 19 points and Brandon Campbell's 18 points. CSUF featured a balanced scoring attack in which three players scored in double digits and guard Derick Andrew had five assists and six rebounds to go along with his seven points. Kevin Richardson also contributed 11 points as the Titans moved to 1-4 on the season.

Wyoming wiped out a 13-point deficit with a 49-22 run over a nine-minute stretch, giving them the lead for good. The Titans got within eight points with 8:25 remaining before an 8-0 run, ignited by two lay-ups by Uche Nsonwu-Amadi, who scored 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Donta Richardson, playing in his first Division I game, scored 19 points including 3-4 shooting from three-point range. Richardson also keyed a five-minute run with 10 points.

Wyoming shot 46.2 percent from the field in front of 8,565 on hand for the game in Laramie, WY.

The Titans will travel to Sacramento State Thursday before returning home to play Point Loma Saturday night at Titan Gym.

Can potential bring the Clippers a

■**PRO:** Blending new talent with experience of seasoned players may be the ticket for success the "other L.A. team" has been looking for all along

By MARK VILLARROEL
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One of the most exciting teams in the NBA plays at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles. They are a young and talented bunch overflowing with enormous potential, but it just so happens they don't wear purple and gold.

They are the "other" team in L.A. shouting out for recognition.

Although they have not yet won a championship, for once the Clippers look like they are heading in the right direction.

The Clippers have been overshadowed by the bling-bling bouncing off the Laker's two rings.

And each night, they play beneath championship banners that belong to someone else.

Only winning 31 games compared to the Lakers 56, the Clippers have much to prove, and improve, in order to play at the Lakers' level.

The first step is the personnel.

With true power forward Elton Brand joining the line-up, the face of the Clippers drastically changed.

The No. 1 pick in the 1999 draft, who has seen enough losing for two lifetimes, spent two years with the Chicago Bulls and will surely bring a much needed front court stability to the Clippers.

For the past two years, the phrase "go-to man" has applied to Lamar Odom. His 6-foot-10 frame and complete game made him the closest thing to Magic Johnson since, well, Magic

Johnson.

Odom Averaged 16.9 points per game, 7.8 rebounds and 4.7 assists in his first two pro seasons.

At small forward, he possesses the height of a power forward and the grace and passing ability of a point guard.

Working with Brand should be good for Odom, both on and off the court. Both are young players, yet have proven their worth in the strength of their play. They are indeed the pillars upon which the Clippers' future will be built.

Then there's Darius Miles, the skinny kid who dunked his way into impressive season averages of 9.4 points and 5.9 boards per 26 minutes a game. There is something about this talent and there is so much more we have yet to see. Miles is definitely holding the wildcard and he could be the key to finishing the puzzle.

The supporting cast will also play a major role in the Clips success this coming year. Jeff McGinnis, Keyon Dooling and Quentin Richardson are all qualified to fill the point guard position but minutes will probably be the only factor inhibiting this high-speed trio.

Veteran sharp shooter Erik Piatkowski will provide the support from beyond. Michael Olowokandi will block shots and clean up the boards, while Corey Maggette will provide a much-needed lift off the bench.

Now we move on to their record.

The Lakers won three out of the four

meetings last season, but the Clips did not embarrass themselves against the future champs. The Clippers dropped their first two games by five and 15 points, then, in their final meeting, they trampled the Lakers by 23.

True enough, the comparison with the two-time champs isn't really fair and, other than a mailing address, these two teams don't have much in common.

Just imagine the possibilities though, if the Lakers triangle their way to the top of the Pacific Conference and the Clippers manage to beat quality teams throughout the season. We may have a first-round fight exclusively shown at the Staples Center.

I suppose time will tell and it seems to be looking pretty swell.

■**CON:** It is going to take much more than hope and first round draft picks to bring a winning season and a championship to the Lakers' roommates

By BRIAN THATCHER
Special to the Titan

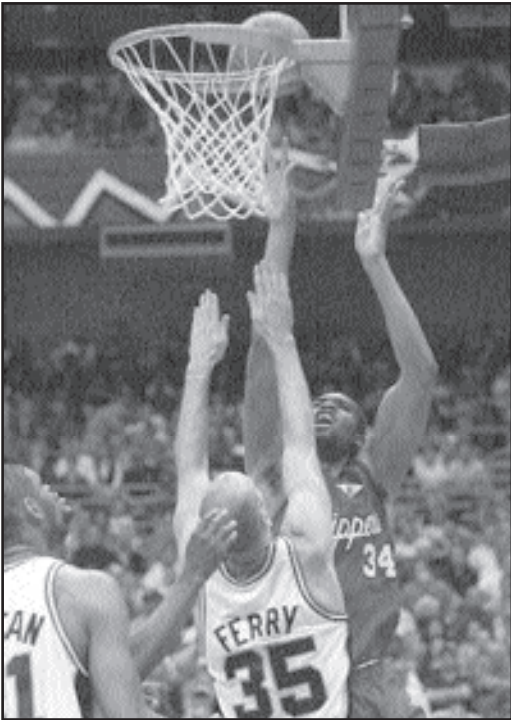
You can't win an NBA title with college experience alone.

You can't win a NBA title with high draft picks that are underdeveloped.

And you definitely can't win an NBA title when team leaders are having run-ins with the law on what seems to be a frequent basis.

The Los Angeles Clippers are, on paper, without a doubt one of the most talented young teams in the NBA. They do have players with seemingly limitless potential, but it is exactly that, potential.

The future of the team most certainly is third-year forward, Lamar Odom. And although he has averaged numbers slightly below super-



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Michael Olowokandi's time on the court may be limited due to his recent arrest.

star standards, his command of the court has given Head Coach Alvin Gentry reason to build the team around him.

Former number-one draft pick, Michael Olowokandi, gives the Clippers a strong inside threat. His 7-foot, 270-pound frame gives Odom a viable option when he attracts double teams and needs to dish off the ball.

The addition of forward Elton Brand has taken even more pressure off Odom, and has given the Clippers a strong low post threat to muscle rebounds away from the opposition.

The Clippers acquired Brand, a former Duke standout, in a draft day deal with Chicago for the draft rights to high-schooler Tyson Chandler.

All of these players may have the talent to be destined for greatness, but the question is whether all of this talent can be harnessed to produce success for the Clippers this season.

There is a question of whether Gentry has enough game time to appease all of his talented young superstars who need to get their shot attempts to pad their personal stats.

The Clippers, who have been in a re-building process since they were inducted into the league in 1970 as the Buffalo Braves, have shown a modest improvement since winning just nine games during the strike-shortened season of 1998-1999. They posted 15 wins the following season and 31 wins last season.

But with a power-packed young lineup, their window of going from re-building to underachieving is get-

ting dangerously small.

They are 8-9 after 17 games this season, and second-to-last in the Pacific division.

This season, even more scrutiny has come upon the Clippers following Odom's five-game suspension for not once, but twice violating the leagues' substance abuse policy for testing positive for marijuana.

In a tearful press conference, Odom admitted his guilt and asked his teammates to forgive him. But the simple fact is, he is one of the top team leaders and he wasn't on the floor because he screwed up.

The team's latest criminal activity came early Saturday morning, when Olowokandi was booked on allegations of cohabitant abuse, robbery and false imprisonment, all felonies. He was later released on \$50,000 bail. Olowokandi had a strong showing Sunday in a win over Indiana, but as legal proceedings commence for this offense, the young Clippers' nucleus has a very real chance of being distracted.

As the season unfolds, the true test of this supercharged young team will be whether or not they can beat their biggest opponent.

This opponent is a championship hurdle every team in the league has to overcome to win a ring, and no, I'm not talking about the Lakers. I'm talking about chemistry, and the team that masters it is the team that can live up to its potential.

Difference in playing surface results in greater risk of inju-

■**HOCKEY:** Players are more likely to be hurt playing roller versus ice due to rinks and thin uni-

By MARK VILLARROEL
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In many respects, roller hockey and ice hockey are identical sports. The rink size is the same, both games use pucks and sticks, and players in both sports wear protective equipment.

The question is, why are roller hockey players injured more than ice hockey players.

According to an article in WEBMD, Gerard P. Varlotta, an expert in rehabilitation medicine from New York University of Medicine, said the primary reason roller hockey is more dangerous is because of the type of surface roller hockey is played on.

"When a player falls on ice, they slide rather than jam a body part, and there's less strain on the legs when they skate," Varlotta said. "I think it's similar to the differences players find playing on grass versus artificial turf."

Varlotta, who has played and coached ice and roller hockey for more than 30 years, examined the injury records of two professional

roller hockey teams over four seasons.

He compared them with reports of ice hockey and other injuries in other studies.

Varlotta and his team identified a total of 122 roller hockey injuries and found that for every 1,000 hours that a player played roller hockey, the player was likely to suffer more than 14 injuries.

Nearly two-thirds of the injuries occurred during games rather than practices.

In contrast, in several other studies it was found that the rate of ice hockey injuries during games was less than half the rate of injuries of roller hockey teams.

Varlotta's research team also found that sprains and strains, more commonly knee and lower back strains, accounted for more than half of all injuries in roller hockey.

According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, a sprain is a stretch and/or tear of a ligament, the fibrous band of tissue that connects the end of one bone to another.

A strain is a twist, pull, and/or tear of a muscle and/or tendon, the fibrous cord or tissue that attaches muscle to bone.

Another advantage of ice over the roller hockey playing surface, Varlotta believes, is its cooling effect.

Since roller hockey players sweat more than their ice hockey counterparts, their pads and uniforms are made of thinner material, leading to greater potential for contact injuries. What's more, some players cut back on the padding designed to soften contact injuries.

"On ice, players can move out of the way of the puck and opposing players faster," Sergio Lopez, a kinesiology major, said.

"I have coached for many boys' hockey leagues and I found most strains and sprains occurred early in the season," Lopez said. "Although strains and sprains were the most common injuries, most injuries were found on the face."

These face injuries bring up the issue of checking, the action in both sports that involves moving

an opponent away from the puck, preferably with the body, but often with the stick.

In a statement released in March 2000, the American Academy of Pediatrics noted that checking was responsible for up to 86% of youth hockey injuries.

"Studies have shown that a high proportion of youth hockey injuries are attributed to checking and that limiting checking can reduce injuries," said the AAP's Committee on Sports Medicine and Fitness. They recommended that body checking be banned for all players under 16 years old.

Lopez says he isn't sure he agrees with the AAP stand.

"Young players need to learn the proper technique for both how to check and how to absorb a check," he said.

Checking is an integral part of ice and roller hockey, and what is lacking is proper instruction. It is like tackling a player in football or sliding for a base in baseball, it all comes down to proper coaching."

Fullerton's finest receive honors at baseball banquet

The 2001 Cal State Fullerton baseball team, which posted a 48-18 record and advanced to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., was honored at the annual awards banquet at the Golleher Alumni House Saturday afternoon.

Special tributes were paid to the Titan seniors of a year ago, primarily David Bacani, Kirk Saarloos and Jon Smith, all of whom played four years in a Titan uniform.

Coach George Horton, who served as the emcee for the banquet, acknowledged the Titans' four championship victories in 2001: the Kia Baseball Bash, Big West Conference, NCAA Regional and NCAA Super Regional.

"We may have come up short on our goal of winning a national title, but you accomplished more than many of the best teams that have played here," Horton told the players. "That's something to be proud of."

Several team awards, as voted on by the players, were presented. They included:

Most Improved Player: P.J. Pilittere
Outstanding Offensive Player: Mike Rouse
Outstanding Defensive Player: Chris Stringfellow
Best Teammate: Sean Alley
Most Valuable Pitcher: Kirk Saarloos
Tim Wallach Most Valuable Player: Mike Rouse